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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Call SEARCH AND RESCUE

Location of Call CABIN CREEK AREA, NEAR TRUCKEE

Case Number SO-01-002713

Released by SERGEANT BILL LANGTON

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Wednesday evening, February 14thth, 2001 at approximately 5:12pm, the Placer County Sheriff's Department's North Tahoe 9-1-1 Dispatch center received a cellular telephone call from a lost person on snow shoes in the Cabin Creek area, near Truckee. The women advised that she had gone snow-shoeing earlier in the afternoon and became disoriented.

Sheriff's Department personnel along with members of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team and a fixed wing aircraft from the California Highway Patrol responded to the trailhead at Cabin Creek and launched a hasty search. The missing person, Nona Gilmore, 37 years old, of Truckee was located approximately 2 miles southwest of Cabin Creek. Her location was pin-pointed by the aircraft and the snowmobiles were able to reach her at approximately 6:54pm. Gilmore was in good spirits and health, although quite cold. She was transported to safety on the snowmobiles.

As with several area Search & Rescue missions so far this season, the missing person took a cellular telephone with them and stayed put and called for help once she realized she was lost. This was instrumental in her being located quickly as we were able to patch her through directly to the circling aircraft so that they could narrow down her location as it was too dark to see her on the ground.

Anyone traveling in the back country is encouraged to plan ahead. Wear proper clothing, take food & water, make sure that someone is aware of your route and if possible, take a means of communication with you such as a cellular telephone.

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